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**REPLY TO MARCH 19, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Official Action dated March 19, 2003, for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the **Listing of claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.